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Mr. George Bush  
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Dear Mr. Bush:

As you may be aware, the Congressional Research Service is tasked with providing to Congress, among other services, analytical studies on topics of national importance. Such studies aim at objectivity and non-partisan coverage in unclassified formats, much as studies of the Intelligence Community do in classified forms for the executive branch.

Two of our analysts in the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division are currently engaged in a major research project regarding rationalization of the NATO defense effort, scheduled to be published in December 1976. While the end product will be unclassified, the analysts would greatly benefit from an opportunity to meet with analysts from the Intelligence Community to discuss the project. Topics of particular concern are: the status of NATO standardization efforts; attitudes of the European allies regarding standardization; developments in the Eurogroup and the European Program Group, particularly concerning the French role in the latter. Our analysts would appreciate the participation of intelligence analysts from the political and military analytical components of the Intelligence Community in any briefing sessions that might be arranged.

The two CRS analysts in question, Stanley Sloan and Robert Bell, both possess Top Secret clearances which can be certified through the Personnel Security Office, Library of Congress. If possible, the CRS analysts would like to schedule a meeting at CIA for the third or fourth week of September, if that would be possible. Specific arrangements for the briefings can be made directly with the project coordinator, Stan Sloan, IDS Code 182, X5054.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Beckman  
Acting Director  
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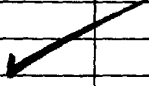
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